

HEAVY GALE BLOWING

News of Wrecks Galore, But It Will Have to Be Confirmed.

Today the Wind is Blowing 56 Miles an Hour—Loss of Life Reported.

ONE DISABLED SHIP TOWED IN

New York, Feb. 3.—The strong gale, which began last evening, continued all through the night and this morning.

The maximum velocity of the wind was sixty-five miles an hour, and at 9 o'clock today the local weather bureau showed that it was blowing fifty-six miles an hour.

All nearby marine stations reported the sea rough, and from different points along the coast there comes news of wrecks and vessels ashore, but they have not yet been confirmed. Thus far there is no loss of life reported here.

REPORT FROM LONDON.

London, Feb. 3.—After tossing helplessly in the English channel for sixty-four hours the Dover Ostead passenger steamer Marie Henriette was towed into Ostend this morning.

The gale is now abating. In view of the severity of the weather, the number of casualties thus far reported is comparatively small.

The gales have been succeeded by heavy snow storms in Western Europe, and the shipping along the coast of Spain has suffered considerably.

Forty lives were reported to have been lost in shipwrecks on the Italian coast. Several persons were killed by avalanches in Italy; rivers there have overflowed their banks and a score of bridges have been broken, and many towns are blocked by the snow. A village near Verona has been wrecked by the flood, and certain districts adjacent to Rome have been flooded. There is three feet of snow at Turin and Milan.

A German bark stranded on St. Martin rock, off the Selly Islands, this evening and was broken up, before the life savers could reach her. The crew of the bark were drowned. Much North Sea wreckage is washing ashore at Sheerness.

The Marie Henriette smashed a wheel on her way from Dover to Ostend, and in that way became unmanageable. Her passengers had a terrible experience. The Marie Henriette was short of fuel and provisions, but managed Saturday and Sunday with difficulty to re-provision from other boats. It was impossible for her to take more coal. The tug standing by the Marie Henriette, attempting to tow her, were also short of coal.

The reports from the coast are that there have been many wrecks and great damage done.

GREAT SENSATION.

IN NEW ORLEANS OVER THE EXPULSION OF MILLIONAIRE MEMBERS OF COTTON EXCHANGE.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 3.—Henry Newman and Harris Hyman, comprising the well known H. and C. Newman Limited company of cotton factors, have been expelled from the New Orleans Cotton Exchange on a charge of defrauding Colonel John A. Backner, a well known cotton planter of East Carroll parish, this state, out of over \$30,000 by the means of fraudulent account of sales. The notice of expulsion was posted Saturday afternoon, but owing to the prominence of the parties concerned there was little publicity given the matter until today. The resolution of expulsion was adopted at a full meeting of the board of directors of the Cotton Exchange. In part the resolution recites that whereas it has been shown, after a full and impartial investigation, that the firm of H. and C. Newman, Limited, had been found guilty of making returns of account sales to John A. Backner, owner of certain cotton entrusted to them, at a lower price than it had been sold for, the board of directors declares that Henry Newman and Harris Hyman be "expelled from membership of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange," and that the resolution be posted in the exchange rooms for one week.

FAMOUS RIVER CAPTAIN DEAD.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 3.—Captain Silas F. Miller, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Louisville, died today at the age of eighty years. He was captain of the steamer Robert J. Ward, famous of the Louisville-New Orleans trade in ante-bellum days. In 1850 Captain Miller left the river to take charge of the original Gold House in Louisville. He was later for a while interested in the management of the Burnet House at Cincinnati, and engaged to woolen manufacture after returning to Louisville. One of his daughters is the wife of the mayor of Louisville, F. Granger.

THIEVES ARE CAUGHT

Two Tinner in the Toils For Robbing a Saloon Saturday Night.

They Have Confessed—Boys Arrested For Stealing 22-Calibre Cartridges.

OTHER NOTES IN POLICE CIRCLES

John Schraven and Forrest Smith, well known tinner, are in jail charged with breaking into Dick Schree's saloon Saturday night and stealing about \$40. Fifty-three dollars and fifty cents was recovered.

It seems the men had a pass key and simply unlocked the door. They went to the Tony Faust, half a block away, and rented a room. They began sending down for matches until the man on watch suspected something, and the lights having been turned off about midnight, and sent a lamp up. The men were found counting the money. This was reported to the police yesterday, after the robbery was discovered.

Officers Henry Sengry and Townsend arrested them, and Schraven confessed, saying that they went in with a pass key. He took them to a tin shop, where he had been working, and gave them over \$20 in change, which was tied up in a handkerchief and had been concealed in a stove pipe. He claims Smith went in and got the money while he watched at the door. Schraven is well known here, and it is the first serious trouble he has ever in. Smith seems to be a tall egg, and has been arrested before for robbery and other offenses.

Schraven was until about a year ago in the army. The cases against the men were called in police court this morning and continued until tomorrow morning.

Walter Whitehurst, L. Greenville and Fred Simpson, youths, were arrested last night by Officer Hessian on a charge of grand larceny. It seems a case of twenty-two calibre cartridges belonging to Noble Overby was stolen from the N. C. and St. L. depot. Some of the cartridges were found in a lumber yard at Eighth and Tennessee streets, and others at one of the boy's houses. There were 10,000 cartridges in the case. The trial was set for tomorrow morning.

Polly Hicks, colored, and W. M. Greek, the latter a restaurant man, had a difficulty Saturday night, and Greek was slightly cut. The woman was arrested for malicious cutting, and the trial set for tomorrow morning.

A case against T. J. Kingston, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was dismissed by Acting Judge Kahn this morning.

Walter Summerville, colored, charged with a breach of the peace and with carrying a pistol concealed, was fined \$15 and costs on one charge, \$25 and costs on ten days in jail on the other, and a warrant will be issued against him for false swearing.

The case against Ollie Block, for keeping a disorderly house near Ninth and Tennessee, was continued on account of the absence of witnesses. She pleaded guilty to a similar charge a short time ago, and was fined \$10, but will fight this case.

Arch Ford and Eric Pearson were fined \$10 and costs each for a breach of the peace.

James Johnson was the only offender charged with a plain drunk, and he got the usual dose, \$1.

Frank Baldrige and Christina Moore, for immorality, were fined \$20 and costs.

A breach of the peace case against Charles Clements and E. J. Greco was continued.

THE WEATHER.

LAST NIGHT IT WAS LOWER THAN FOR SOME WEEKS.

Last night the mercury went to 8 degrees above zero, and the night before to sixteen, but today there is every indication of warmer weather, and Observer Horneum believes there will be a thaw.

Yesterday the sun made much of the ice disappear from the trees and wires, and today there has also been a slight thaw under the sun's rays.

For Kentucky—Fair weather tonight and probably Tuesday, with warmer weather Tuesday.

MEMPHIS MURDERERS CAUGHT

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 3.—That the men who murderously assaulted and robbed M. W. Iteon, saloon keeper at the corner of Vance and Main streets, on the night of January 19, are in the toils there is not a lingering doubt. They are George Day, in jail in this city; Charles Deany, a noted safe-blower, and George Burns, who ranks to him about like an alder-de-camp to the commander of an army, who are both in the jail of Union county, at Jonesboro, Ill.

See James' column for farm loan terms.

TWO MORE ROUTES

Supt. Fred B. Ashton Receives Notice From the Postoffice Department

To Secure Names of All Applicants For Places as Rural Carriers.

NOW IN THE CIVIL SERVICE

Superintendent Fred B. Ashton of mail carriers is in receipt of a letter from the department at Washington, asking that the names of all applicants for the places as rural mail carriers on the two routes asked some weeks ago be forwarded at once.

This is regarded by Superintendent Ashton as a good indication that the two routes will be shortly authorized, which will make three routes for McCracken county, one already having been authorized.

The names of applicants will be sent in as soon as they are received. The letter also states that, effective Saturday, by order of the President, rural letter carriers will be placed in the classified service. This means that appointees as rural letter carriers in the future must stand a civil service examination, and their names taken from the eligible list.

BIDDLES BOTH DEAD

The Woman is the Only One of the Trio Alive.

Great Crowds Go to Gaze on the Deceased Murderers.

Butler, Pa., Feb. 3.—The terrible fate of the Biddles is the sole topic of conversation here today, and a curious throng of people have been defying the storm, hanging about the jail entrance in vain attempts to get in to see the bodies of the dead murderers. A great deal of sympathy is expressed on all sides, and not a few of the female portion of the crowd desire to see what manner of man Ed Biddle was to exert such wonderful influence over women. The jail doors were closed all day, and no one got in the doors but those who attended the autopsy and the coroner's jury. The verdict of the jury is that Ed Biddle came to his death by a revolver shot fired from a 32-calibre revolver by himself, and that Jack Biddle met his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by the others in discharge of their lawful duty. The evidence secured by the autopsy held today bears out the statements that the Biddles intended to kill themselves rather than be taken alive, and that Ed succeeded in his attempt, while Jack failed, though his life was forfeited.

Dr. Bricker gave out the following statement after the autopsy:

"Jack Biddle was the worst wounded of the two men, although he was in better condition than Ed when the two men were brought to jail Friday night. He had two gunshot wounds on the right side in the region of the liver, the bullets passing up and around the body and doing no damage. They were removed on Saturday. A bullet wound was found in the roof of his mouth, but it was slight, and would not have caused his death. This wound was inflicted by himself with the evident intention of committing suicide.

"Ed Jack was suffering from nine wounds, but excepting the one that penetrated the kidneys, none of them would have been fatal. Ed's terrible sufferings were caused by a bullet wound that struck him on the left breast about one inch and a half to the right of the nipple and passed down between the fourth and fifth ribs to the left of the heart and through the lung. This wound was made by Ed himself. The powder marks are visible on the skin. Death was caused by hemorrhages and the man suffered untold agony to the last breath. Another wound found on his body was on the same side, about an inch from the left nipple, but the bullet struck the fourth rib, passed under the skin and did no damage. Both bullets found in Ed were 32-calibre, and in the opinion of the doctors who held the autopsy there is no doubt that he killed himself."

Since the officers concerned in the fight and capture of the Biddles have had time to cool off a little, there appears to be a disposition to be fair toward each other in the matter of the distribution of the prize money, and an agreement to divide the \$5,000 equally among the four officers here, the driver, J. A. Snyder, and the three Pittsburg detectives has been practically consented to by all the men except Detective McGovern, who is not here today.

The bodies of the Biddle brothers were buried by a brother.

The Sun has removed to the old news stand, 118 South Third street.



Photo by Clioednat, Washington.
MISS HELEN HAY, WHO IS TO BE MARRIED FEB. 6.

Miss Helen Hay, daughter of the secretary of state, is just now a very busy young woman. She is preparing for her marriage to Mr. Payne Whitney on Feb. 6. The ceremony is to occur at the Church of the Covenant, Washington, and will be a brilliant affair.

THE COUNCIL.

The Regular Meeting Will Take Place This Evening.

Telephone Question May Come Up—Other Matters of Public Interest.

The regular meeting of the city council will take place tonight with considerable business on hand.

The ordinance creating three new places for station men in the fire departments will come up.

A protest is expected against the sale of another telephone franchise from the Retail Grocers' association, which has compiled a quantity of valuable material tending to show that two systems are detrimental to the service, and are considered a nuisance wherever they are in operation.

The public improvement committee will authorize Captain Henry Bailey to have the telephone in his office moved into the closet to insure privacy whenever it is necessary in transmitting important messages for the department.

The question of improving Harrison street from Eighth to Ninth will be discussed, also the proposed map showing exact location of street car tracks, fire plugs, sewerage and gas mains, etc.

City Tax Collector Wm. Kraus will tonight report the collection of \$768.12 since last report.

Mayor Yeiser is today getting up the franchise sale telephone ordinance, and states he will probably begin advertising it today. If the council decides it does not want the system, he said, it can refuse to ratify the sale of the franchise. There is no other way to prevent the sale, he stated, unless he vetoes the ordinance, which he does not intend to do. Some of the councilmen, however, are of the opinion they can reconsider.

HAS A BAD INJURY

Mr. Henry Schmidt, the South Eleventh street grocer, is suffering from a painfully injured right hand. A day or two ago while getting his wagon out of the ice, he injured it, and thinks he subsequently poisoned it while washing bottles. It has now swelled considerably and he can't use it.

THE ELKS.

THE COMMITTEES HAVE NOT YET DONE ANY WORK.

The Elks committee have done nothing yet, on account of the standstill to which nearly everything has been brought by the weather. There are four months to work in, however, and with committee's experience from last year, it is believed that there will be little difficulty in perfecting arrangements in even less time.

IN BAD STRAITS.

METROPOLIS TELEPHONE SYSTEM BADLY DAMAGED BY SLEET.

Manager Smith of the Metropolis telephone exchange has been left in such bad shape by the recent sleet storm that the people are to raise a subscription to help him out. He has little capital, it is understood, with which to repair the damage, and will no doubt appreciate any assistance that will enable or assist him to restore the service.

THE SCHOOLS.

Important Questions to Come Before the Board Tomorrow.

The New Term Began Today—Few Demotions This Year.

Tomorrow night's meeting of the school board will be an interesting one for both the pupils and the teachers.

The question of how many will take part in the commencement exercises, and how they are to be selected, will be discussed. Heretofore all members of the class have been made to take part, but the steady growth of the class has made this impossible, and a new arrangement will have to be made.

Some members of the board favor having those whom the teachers recommended appear, while others think other means should be adopted, such as general averages in their work.

Some members of the board favor having only ten appear on the stage, but out of a class of thirty-six this will make a very poor showing. The question is a delicate one, and Prof. Hatfield has much correspondence he has received on the question, and will present it to the board before the question is passed on.

Today the pupils in all the local public schools entered on the last term of school for this year. Thursday, Friday and Saturday were spent in averaging the standing of the pupils, and as yet no full report has been made out by the superintendent. There will be fewer demotions this year than last, but the promotions are not yet summed up.

The attendance at the close of the first term was remarkably good, considering the weather, and this morning the attendance did not seem to be any worse.

Mrs. Ida Baker, a colored teacher in the Lincoln building, is at home today on account of the illness of her daughter who is ill of chicken pox. Her grade has been merged into the first grade of the building.

CIRCUIT COURT

There was little done in circuit court today. Court had been adjourned since Tuesday and little progress was made today. The following is the business transacted:

The case of F. G. Rudolph, administrator, against the Illinois Central railroad was dismissed without prejudice.

The case of P. E. Cartwright against J. W. McCallach was compromised at \$150.

In the case of Ed Dossett against the Paducah Veneer and Lumber Co, the motion for a new trial was overruled.

The Rufe Veal case against J. S. Jackson, the foundryman, for \$10,000 damages for false arrest, was resumed today in circuit court. Veal sold a boiler to the defendant for \$75 several months ago and it seemed that the boiler was the property of Mr. H. G. Allison. Jackson swore out a warrant against Veal for obtaining money by false pretenses, but at the investigation of the grand jury the testimony was heard and the case quashed. Veal then brought suit against Jackson for \$10,000 for false arrest. At present time the witnesses for the defense were on the stand. The case will be not finished before tomorrow.

ALL PREMATURE

Roger men regard the reports of another flood as premature and only sensationalism. There is now no indication of any flood anywhere, and the river here will doubtless not go above 95 feet.

MORE DAMAGE DONE

Many More Poles Broken Saturday Night By Wind and Freeze.

The Telegraph Lines Also Suffered—Work of Repairing Progressing Well.

PREPARATIONS TO START CARS

Saturday night there was considerable more damage done in Paducah by the high wind and heavy freeze. The contraction of the wires, with their heavy load of ice, was sufficient to break many poles that had successfully withstood the strain up to that time. The telephone company had about forty more broken, and a great many more telephones were put out of the business. There are today about 100 'phones working.

The company has about 75 men at work, and this is all that can be used until more material arrives. Nine ear loads of poles have been ordered, and are expected in a day or two. When there will have to be many miles of new wire, before there can be any noticeable amount of work done in restoring the system.

The telegraph wires were also badly damaged yesterday, but both companies have men working on all directions, and will have wires up as quickly as it is possible to get them up. Five miles toward Cairo were reconstructed by Western Union line men yesterday.

Manager Allen of the Postal does not know when he will be ready for business again. All the wires his company has now, which is two, are for the railroad. There is one wire to St. Charles, but it is practically of no service.

It is uncertain when the street cars will run again, as the tracks all over town are covered with ice, and it would take some time to clear them, even if the power could be turned on.

Mayor Yeiser thinks the city lights can be turned on in a few days. Men are at work now getting all the broken wires out of the way, and the city's wires that are broken will be repaired temporarily.

An amusing sight last night was that of Mayor Yeiser going home with a small lighted lantern, and the spectacle caused all he met to smile. Yesterday there were fairly good crowds out at the churches, but in the evening there were services at only a few of them.

Today Mayor Yeiser has a force of men clearing away the broken trees and branches from the streets and sidewalks, and expects to have everything in working order again in a few days.

The street car company this afternoon put a large force of men at work digging the ice and sleet away from the tracks, preparatory to starting their cars as soon as the tracks are cleared.

NECROLOGICAL RECORD.

Death of Mrs. Al Hymarsh Saturday Night.

Several Funerals in This Section—The Cooney Remains Expected.

Mrs. Mary Hymarsh, wife of Mr. Al Hymarsh, the contractor, died yesterday morning at 1 o'clock at her home, 908 North Seventh street, of heart trouble, from which she had suffered for the past year. She was formerly a Miss Weaver, of Covington, Ky., and was Mr. Hymarsh's second wife.

The funeral took place this morning at 9 o'clock, burial at Oak Grove.

Mrs. May Belle Walter, aged 80, died from pneumonia at her home in the county yesterday morning, leaving a husband and several children. The burial took place this morning at Owen's Chapel.

Mrs. Henry Bottoms at Little Cypress, Marshall county, died yesterday from consumption, after a long illness. She was 40 years old, and leaves a family. The burial took place at Oakland cemetery.

The funerals of the late Mrs. James W. Thompson and the late Mr. Henry Lehman took place yesterday afternoon at Oak Grove, and were attended by many friends and relatives of the deceased.

The funeral arrangements of the late Mr. Frank Cooney, who died in El Paso, Texas, have not yet been made, as it is not known when the body will arrive. It is expected tomorrow some time.

CONFEDERATE COLONEL'S WIDOW SUICIDES

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Hammond Moore, widow of a Confederate colonel, who lived in New York, suicided here today.

UNDERGROUND WIRES

East Tennessee Telephone Company Will Probably Adopt Them.

The General Manager in Favor of It on Condition the People Pay Advanced Rates.

THE CITY COUNCIL MUST DECIDE

The people of Paducah can have underground telephone wires in the business portion of the city, if they want them. The East Tennessee Telephone company, which has been practically ruined so far as its local system is concerned, has about decided to place its wires underground, conditionally.

Superintendent Joyner is in receipt of a letter from President and General Manager James E. Oakwell of the East Tennessee Telephone company, Nashville, in which he says:

Mr. A. L. Joyner, Manager, Paducah, Ky.

Dear Sir—

"Mr. Harrison has just informed me of the suggestion made to you by some member of the city council, in regard to placing our wires in the central part of the city underground, and that in such a case the city and citizens would be reconciled to, and recognize as fair and proper to pay advanced rates.

"We are willing to meet the city on any proposition that seems reasonable and fair, and the demonstration that is now before their eyes must be proof conclusive that the telephone business is a hazardous business, and that no profit has ever been taken out of Paducah, or is likely to be for many years to come; but, as above stated, we are willing to meet them in a spirit of perfect friendliness, and with a sincere desire for doing anything that would seem to accomplish better results.

"It will require quite a while to construct an underground system; in the meantime the system would have to be restored, which work in turn would have to be destroyed again as soon as the underground structure is built. In order, however, to make the scheme practicable, it will be necessary for the city authorities to express themselves promptly, in order that we might do our work in the underground district in a temporary way, so as to minimize the expense.

"As a matter of course, the underground district should not go further than the main business section, where the routes are heaviest, and where their destruction should cause the most harm and inconvenience. I would assume that it would be restricted to a few blocks in the main part of the city."

Superintendent Joyner stated this morning that the proposed underground system would probably require a year to construct, and would cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. In the meantime, the wires will have to be put up as before in order to restore the system temporarily. Superintendent Joyner is today going about among the councilmen and citizens to learn if they would be reconciled to an advanced rate in case the improvement is made.

SAW HIS SHADOW.

THE GROUND HOG FOUND THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING DOING.

The ground hog came out yesterday according to custom, and saw his shadow. If there is anything to tradition, he became frightened forthwith and went back into his hole to remain six weeks longer, and there will as a result be six weeks more of winter.

Other sections may not have fared so unfortunately as we, for the old fellow may have failed to see his shadow, and is now out enjoying the balmy breezes of dawning spring, while we in this section are still muffled up waiting for the six weeks more of winter to end.

GREAT DESTRUCTION

WATERBURY, CONN., VISITED BY A DISASTROUS FIRE.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 3.—An all night fire destroyed the business portion of the city, entailing a loss of \$3,000,000. It started in the dry goods store of Reed and Hughes. The weather is zero, and the fire was fanned by the wind until it spread over the business section. The city is under martial law, and aid has been declined.

GOES TO GRAVES

Deputy U. S. Marshal G. W. Saunders leaves this afternoon for Mayfield, to look after his private business. Major Saunders is a notary public in Mayfield, and does a great deal of business about this time certifying to pension vouchers, which will arrive tomorrow. He will return in a short time.

RED LETTER DAYS

Some of the Excellent Features of the Approaching Convention.

Prominent Speakers Will Be Here to Address the Delegates From All Over Kentucky.

CADETS ARE COMING IN A BODY

"A Convention of Men to Consider Problems in Men's Lives" is the character of the forthcoming Twenty-fifth Annual State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Kentucky, to be held at Paducah February 30, 31, 23 and 25. The convention will be addressed by men who are in touch with the problems that confront young men and boys of the present age. Among the well known speakers secured by the state executive committee are: Captain Richard Pearson Hobson, U. S. N., Washington, D. C.; Mr. John C. Welling, vice president Illinois Central railroad, Chicago; Mr. L. Wilbur Messer, general secretary, Chicago; Messrs. Robert Weldensall, Don O. Shelton and C. L. Oates, secretaries International committee, New York; Mr. A. M. Brainer, railroad secretary, Illinois; Rev. W. E. Alderman, D. D., Bethel college, Russellville; Mr. Chas. C. Stoll, Louisville, and others prominent in religious, educational and commercial circles in the state. The singing feature of the convention will be in charge of Mr. Harry L. Maxwell of Indiana, assisted by a male chorus of twenty voices from the Henderson association.

The cadets of South Kentucky college at Hopkinsville, nearly all of whom are members of the Young Men's Christian association will attend in a special car. The cadets will be entertained by the association, and will give exhibition drills while here. There are about sixty members of the company.

The presence of these young men in uniform will be a feature of the convention, which promises to be the largest gathering in the history of the state association.

By tomorrow the bath department of the Y. M. C. A. will be completed and the hot water for baths can be had from 10 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock in the night all through the week excepting Sunday.

Heretofore the hot water has not been furnished every day and the new arrangement will prove of much advantage to the members. The connections will be made with the new furnace either today or tomorrow, and at that time all the new painting in the bath department will be dry and the baths ready for use.

For the past several days Secretary Scott has been sending out letters to members of the library who have books belonging to the association. Many of the books have been returned but several dozen remain out and the holders of same will please return them to the association at once so that the new catalogue can be finished. There have also been many saw books given the library during the past several weeks.

The ladies' committee will meet Wednesday to buy curtains for the association building. New lace curtains will be placed in all windows down stairs in the front of the building and it will make a decided change to the better in the general appearance of the association.

There will be a practice game of indoor baseball at the association tonight and all members of the association who are interested in the game are cordially invited to attend.</

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